Dear Paul Rothermel 10/9/75

Don't know which is worse, my writing a typ-
I have an aching leg I have to keep propped up. It
held off long enough for me to get my new
book in manufacture. Don't know when it will
be done & out but it is definitive. Getting it done
kept me going at a stiff pace & from doing
almost any thing else. Thus my failure to
thank you for the clippings on the trial. I do
not assume that these clippings tell the whole
story: I hope the trial does not forecast Percy
Foreman's future.

There are what appear to me some un-
usual aspects to the leak of the story that
Oswald left a threatening letter at the
Dallas FBI office & that it was destroyed.
Reporters working on the story tell me the
FBI says there was a chain from Hosty
to Shanklin to Rowe to Hoover - who ok'd it
and ordered the destruction. If I have a few
questions about this, it is the FBI's story.

I also understand that Bill Alexander
did the leaking. One version has it to Agnes-
worth, not Tom Johnson. I don't know.

2) What I do know is that there are some remarkable coincidences in the timing of the leak alone. One of these is that after almost 12 yrs. it comes when Shackelford retires. If you have any information or hunches I would like to know if you have the time. No rush. I'm going to be pretty busy getting ready for this new book. I think it should sell well in Texas because it shows the Washington coverup, with names & documents & I will sell it to any Texas distributor at the usual terms. It is 660 pages & will sell for $10.00, $10.75 by mail.

I have no reason to believe this business with the leg is serious. I'm waiting for the doctor to call back. But if I have to do all that lies ahead with a leg propped up it will go slowly! And won't all get done.

There are going to be more news stories on LHO's possible connects because people from CIA & FBI are talking to reporters. All that has come back to me is self serving.

Best regards